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REMARKS

The Office Action indicated that the subject matter of Claims 9-11 was allowed.

After reviewing the allowed claims and the broad interpretation of the cited references, it

is believed that the rejected Claims 1-8 were considered to be unbounded on the perimeter of the

opening, thereby permitting the Murai et al. reference to be broadly construed so that the clear

teaching of flat sections could be disregarded and only sloping sections were considered.

Applicant has, accordingly, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.116, reformed the independent

Claim 1 to the same limitation of Claim 9 with the respective first and second short edges and the

first and second long edges, which collectively form the entire perimeter of the small opening.

Additionally, applicant has removed the terminology "diameter" in defining the small

opening which is potentially inaccurate, as it is a small opening closer to a rectangular

configuration rather than a circular configuration suggested by the terminology "diameter."

These limitations do not present any new matter, and it is believed that the application is

now in condition for allowance and early notification of the same is requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone interview will assist in the prosecution of this case,

the undersigned attorney can be contacted at the listed phone number.

Very truly yours,

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